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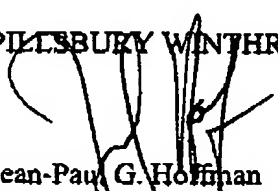
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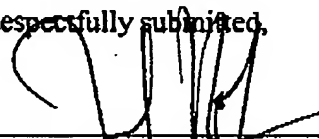
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Applicants respectfully point out that the Notice of Allowance, dated March 8, 2006, was issued the same day the attached Request for Return of Initialed PTO-1449 forms was filed. This Request was filed for the return of the PTO-1449 forms, which were filed on November 12, 2003, as indicated on the attached postcard receipt, which have not been returned to the Applicants initialed as considered by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial, sign and date the references on the attached PTO-1449 forms dated November 12, 2003, and return the forms to the undersigned. If there is any fee due for the return of these forms, please charge deposit account 03-3975, under Order No. 081468-0306781. Also, any overpayments should be credited to that account as well.

Respectfully submitted,



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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form that was filed on November 12, 2003. A copy of the PTO-1449, the cited references, and the stamped USPTO receipt are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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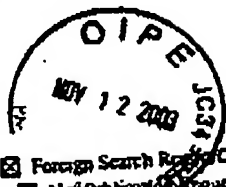
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